

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## “Road Diet” planned for 9 blocks of Center Street in Downtown Kingsport

The Tennessee Department of Transportation plans to repave Center Street in 2014. The City of Kingsport, at the request of the Downtown Kingsport Association, recently commissioned a study for a road diet (see illustrative photos):

Road Diet Example



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The road diet would occur between Clinchfield/Center and Sullivan/Center (with those intersections remaining unchanged).

Using local traffic data, the consultant (RPM Nashville) found:

- A road diet resulting in one lane in each direction along with a left turn lane at signalized intersections can be implemented with little change in traffic operations.
- Most travelers along Center Street through downtown will not experience a noticeable change in travel time.
- One reason for so little change in delay is that approximately 81% of thru traffic already uses the outside lanes because the inside lanes essentially function as left turn lanes already.

To read the consultant's letters and for more information about road diets, visit [www.Development.KingsportTN.gov](http://www.Development.KingsportTN.gov) where “Center Street Road Diet” is currently the top menu item.

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